

# **BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998 Scotts Bluff (BEA-EA) [57150]**

Scotts Bluff is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 1998 population of 94,395 ranked 177th in the nation.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Scotts Bluff had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,541. This PCPI ranked 121st in the United States and was 80 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 7.2 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Scotts Bluff was \$14,719 and ranked 80th in the United States. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.5 percent.

## TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Scotts Bluff had a total personal income (TPI) of \$2,033,319\*. This TPI ranked 177th in the United States. In 1988 the TPI of Scotts Bluff was \$1,421,577\* and ranked 176th in the United States. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 6.4 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.8 percent.

## COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Scotts Bluff. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 60.2 percent of TPI (compared with 65.4 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 22.0 percent (compared with 20.7 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 17.8 percent (compared with 13.9 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 6.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 8.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.5 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 2.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.2 percent.

## EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Scotts Bluff increased from \$1,295,410\* in 1997 to \$1,374,890\* in 1998, an increase of 6.1 percent. The 1997-1998 national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$1,029,132\* to the 1998 estimate was 2.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

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<sup>\*</sup>Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.